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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1 to 4).—

Government have perused the article. The engines (Superheated G Class) have been and are in regular use hauling heavy mineral trains on the Birur-Shimoga Branch (and trains on the Mysore-Arsikere Section). They are not in regular use however on the Bangalore-Mysore Section where the rails are worn out owing to heavy and long use and are being renewed. The rails on the Birur-Shimoga Section though of 41¼lbs as on the Mysore-Bangalore Section, are yet fit for service being less old and less used.

MESSRS. P. VENKAPPAYYA AND A. ANANTHAYYA, SHIMOGA TALUK.—

Q. 2.—Will the Government be pleased to lay before the House information regarding the number and names of candidates who are given free and loan scholarships for study in foreign countries for the last three years and whether any scholarship is continued to students that have failed in the examinations and, if so, what were the special reasons to do so?

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(3) Scholarships awarded in the school, Rs. 4,800 per annum.

Amount allotted for stipends to passed students under practical training (including training at Jamshedpur), Rs. 5,000 per annum.

(4) & (5) Information is not available as to the number of students who applied for posts of Engine Drivers, etc., in the Government Railway Workshop since the applications were not sent through the Superintendent of the school.

32 persons applied for posts in the Mysore Iron Works.

No information is available as to the number of persons who secured or failed to secure appointments. It is however understood that almost all the passed students have found employment and that some of them are holding comparatively high and responsible positions.

MR. B. NARAYANA REDDI, BAGEPALLI TALUK.—

Q. 4.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What amount is paid annually by our Government to the Photo-Zinco Office at Poona for the preparation of survey maps ?

(2) What would be the cost of installing the machinery required for this purpose in our State?

(3) Whether it will not be profitable to instal the machinery and have the maps prepared here with the amount of money that would be spent for getting the work done at Poona for 2 or 3 years, and

(4) Whether officials have not been deputed for training in this art and been so trained ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) A statement of payments made from 1910-11 to 1920-21 is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix 2). From 1921-22 no expenses have been incurred on this account, the maps having been got printed in our Litho Press itself. Nor is it proposed to provide any amount under this head in the future.

(2) From enquiries made in the Survey of India Office, it is ascertained that the cost on this account would approximately amount to Rs. 50,000 as follows:—

Lens and Camera about	.. Rs.	30,000
Press and Frames	.. „	10,000
Chemicals	.. „	5,000
Establishment and Miscellaneous expenses	.. „	5,000
	Total ..	50,000

(3) No.

(4) No.

MR. G. RAMAPPA, SRINIVASPUR TALUK.—

Q. 5.—Will the Government be pleased to state how long they intend to continue the levy of the Railway Cess in the Kolar District?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—In accordance with the agreement between the Government and the District Board of Kolar, the District Board has to pay the amounts advanced by Government from the realizations of the Railway Cess or from other sources when Government consider it fit to require such payment either on account of interest or on account of open line capital. Moreover, the District Board has to provide for a sinking fund for discharging the debenture loan. So long as the Board is not able to meet all these demands from its Revenue Account, it will be necessary to continue to levy the Cess.

MR. SINGRI NANJAPPA, TIPTUR MUNICIPALITY.—

Q. 6.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of applications under the Large Landed Estate Scheme received from each District in the State.

(*b*) Of the above, the number of applications sanctioned, the number rejected and the number still pending enquiry.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—A statement furnishing the particulars required for the period extending from the date on which the scheme came into operation till 31st December 1922 is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix 3).

MR. T. G. NAGAPPA, TURUVEKERE SUB-TALUK.—

Q. 7.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) Whether they are aware of the articles published in the *Mysore Chronicle* of 8th December 1922, page 6 (Kanarese weekly) under the headings (1) "The inconsistencies of the Turuvekere Taluk Board." (2) "Action without authority" in page 5 of that paper dated the 2nd February 1923, (3) "The weal of the officials and the woe of the people" in pages 3, 6 and 7 of that paper dated the 4th March 1923, and (4) in its issue of the same date an article on page 4 under the heading "The unbridled doings of the Turuvekere Municipality" and (5) "A letter from our Mayasandra correspondent" dated the 11th March 1923?

(2) If so, whether they are willing to ascertain the truth or otherwise of those articles ; and

(3) If so, what action do they mean to take in the matter?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) Government have perused the articles referred to by the member.

(2) Some of the allegations made therein have been investigated and the others are under enquiry.

(3) No reply can be given until the final report is received.

MR. K. T. SESHAIYA, B.A., LL.B., BELUR TALUK.—

Q. 8.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of surplus revenue of the Assigned Tracts due to the Mysore Durbar for the last 5 years seriatim and the amount that has been paid over to our Government for the same period ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The amounts due for the last five years are as under :—

Year.	Amount. Rs.
1917-18	6,56,616.
1918-19	9,83,202.
1919-20	9,56,676.
1920-21	9,54,483.
1921-22	10,47,718.

The amounts due for 1917-18 and 1921-22 have been received in full. Against the amounts due for the three years from 1918-19 a sum of Rs. 13,27,160 has been received and the question of the balance still payable is under correspondence with the Government of India.

MR. G. SANJEEVIAH, KURUBARA SANGHA, BANGALORE.—

Q. 9.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) How many appointments were given to the Brahmins in the several departments against the standing order of the Miller Committee Report ?

(2) Who were the officers concerned, their names and their status ?

(3) What action the Government have taken for the violation of the orders of the said report?

(4) If the Government have not taken any action as yet, what action are they going to take to safeguard the interests of the non-brahmins in due fulfilment of the orders of the said report ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) The number of appointments to which objection has been taken by the Central Recruitment Board on the ground of their being made in contravention of the orders referred to is 205. The objection in 75 cases has been withdrawn on receipt of explanations received from the officers concerned. In 15 cases the appointments made have been vetoed. One hundred and fourteen cases are still under correspondence.

(2) The appointments to which objection has been taken have been made in a very large number of offices. Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by giving the name of the officers concerned.

(3) & (4) Appointments found to be in contravention of the standing orders of Government will be cancelled.

MR. SANJEEVIAH, KURUBARA SANGHA, BANGALORE.—

Q. 10.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether the Excise policy is dry or wet?

(2) If dry, how is it that Government, in spite of repeated public protests, have opened an arrack shop near mills and factories in the Timber Yard, Cottonpet, Bangalore City, against the Excise Manual Rules?

(3) In how many places has the Government opened liquor shops against the will of the public?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) The policy of Government has always been to discourage drinking as far as possible without encouraging illicit manufacture or vend of intoxicating liquors.

(2) The Licensing Board, Bangalore City, is responsible for fixing the site of this shop and not the Government. This Board consists of representatives of the public and nominees of the Bangalore City Municipal Council and also a representative of a Temperance Association. The Bangalore City Municipality which was consulted in the matter has resolved that the shop may be removed to a less objectionable spot. Orders have been issued directing that the shop may be shifted to some other locality.

(3) Government are always willing to respect the opinion of the public in the selection of sites for shops. They have established Licensing Boards and Excise Advisory Boards to ascertain public opinion in such matters. The opinion of such Boards is not usually rejected.

MR. C. KRISHNAMURTHI, LAW ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE.—

Q. 11.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following details for the information of this Assemly, *viz*:—

(1) Number of regular appeals and second appeals filed in the Chief Court.

(2) The amount of Court fee paid thereon.

(3) The amount of printing and typing charges paid or ordered to be paid in those cases, for the period of six months from the 1st July 1922 to the 31st December 1922.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table (*vide* Appendix 4).

MR. S. VEERABHADRAPPA, CHITALDRUG TALUK.—

Q. 12.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Which of the Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Municipalities in the District are given conveyance allowance and from what date?

(2) Whether the Presidents have certified by actual inspection that the Honorary Vice-Presidents have maintained any conveyance?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) The Honorary Vice-President of the Chitaldrug Town Municipal Council is the only Vice-President in the Chitaldrug District who has been granted a conveyance allowance, from the 8th May 1919.

(2) No.

MR. N. ANANDATIRTHA RAO, CHITALDRUG DISTRICT BOARD.—

Q. 13.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Police in the investigation of the murder of one Idigar Sanna Venkatappa by his brother Dodda Venkatappa at Kadadarahalli, Challakere Taluk, in regard to which it is learnt that several petitions have been submitted to Government ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—No petitions have been addressed to Government. The Police authorities are enquiring into the case and there is no evidence forthcoming yet as to the alleged murder of the missing individual.

MR. M. H. NARAYANA RAO, MOLAKALMURU TALUK.—

Q. 14.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Are the avenue trees planted and reared by the raiyats?

(2) If so, is there any statement to show the same maintained in the Government?

(3) If they are planted by the raiyats what is the nature of the right they have on the trees?

(4) Are the Government aware that the raiyats are enjoying and disposing to others the usufruct therefrom?

(5) Are the raiyats at liberty to use the usufruct as they like?

(6) Has the Government observed that the enjoyment of the fruit, etc., of the avenue trees has caused displeasure to many poor people and travellers?

(7) Can the Government advertise early in the Gazette the procedure to be adopted in disposing of the usufruct of the avenue trees without causing displeasure to raiyats, poor people and travellers?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) Mostly by raiyats.

(2) Hobliwar Avenue Registers are maintained and they contain the names of only the patels or other persons in charge of the avenue trees and not those of the persons who planted the trees.

(3), (4) & (5) Persons who have planted the trees have a right to the usufruct which includes the right to take the leaves and fruits thereof without injuring the leaves, as also the right to remove dead wood and the right to remove the branches lopped off under the orders of the Revenue Officers.

(6) No.

(7) This is not considered necessary.

MR. SYED KHAJA PEERAN SAHIB, MUSLIM ASSOCIATION, TARIKERE.—

Q. 15.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

What amount was sanctioned for the construction of the Hindustani

School Buildings and how many of them were constructed during the past 10 years?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—A statement is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix 5).

MR. SYED KHAJA PEERAN SAHIB, MUSLIM ASSOCIATION, TARIKERE.—

Q. 16.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether the amount sanctioned for the benefit of the Hakims, who are undergoing training in the Unani College at Delhi, is being paid to them in full?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—There is now only one Mysore scholar receiving training in the College at Delhi and arrangements have been made for the payment of the full amount of scholarship sanctioned to him.

MR. C. RASOOLKHAN SAHIB, ANJUMAN-E-ISLAMIA, CHIKMAGALUR.—

Q. 17.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

How long will it take to publish the report of the Committee of the Co-operative Societies and what amount has been expended on that account till now?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The Co-operative Committee's Report has not yet been received and the question of publishing it will be considered after its receipt.

The amount of expenditure incurred on account of the Committee is Rs. 12,696.

MR. C. NARASIMHAIYA, B.A., B.L., HEGGADDEVANKOTE TALUK.—

Q. 18.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) How many vacancies have been created in the (*a*) clerical and (*b*) subordinate staff by retirement of those who have earned pension equal to half their pay?

(2) What is the total amount of pension that is to be paid to those retired people ?

(3) What are the conditions and principles on which the lives of those people are insured and Provident Fund arranged ?

(4) Will the Government pay towards the maturity of the Insurance Policies? If not, does it not work hard upon the pensioners ?

(5) Do not the Government consider that retirement after 25 years is more harmful than the hardship caused to those discharged employees ?

(6) Has the Government called for the opinion of the Financial Secretary ? If so, will the Government be pleased to place his views on the table ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMETN.—

A.—(1) The number of retirements ordered is (1) 179 in the clerical and (2) 94 men in the executive staff.

(2) Approximately Rs. 5,000 per mensem.

(3) The attention of the member is invited to the State Life Insurance and Provident Fund Rules which have been issued in the form of pamphlets.

(4) The insurance rules provide for certain reliefs in such cases. In addition, the Government have decided to afford another option to the insured,

viz., to treat the premia as they fall due as a debt recoverable from the amount of the policy when it matures.

(5) Selection for retirement has been made from among only those officials who are either superannuated or have been definitely reported to be incapable and insufficient or are desirous of retiring from Service. There is no hardship in this.

(6) The opinion of individual officers of Government cannot be furnished.

MR. G. RAMAPPA, SRINIVASPUR TALUK.—

Q. 19.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

What will be the additional expenditure or savings per annum if the recent order of Government directing the retrenchment of officials below the grade of Amildars and the appointment of new officials in their places is given effect to ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—The attention of the member is drawn to the reply given to the interpellation of Mr. C. Narasimhaiya. As most of the officials selected for retirement are superannuated, the pension payable to them cannot be regarded as additional expenditure. In the case of those retired on the ground of incapacity and inefficiency the expenditure on account of pensions is estimated to be Rs. 1,250 a month but this will be more than made up for by improved efficiency of work.

APPENDIX 1.

REFERENCE TO QUESTION 2.

A statement showing the Names of Candidates who were given Free and Loan Scholarships for study in Foreign Countries, etc.

A. Free Scholarships.	*B. Loan Scholarships.*
1. Sri Kanakalakshamma.	1. Mr. Krishnaswami Rao Sahib.
2. Mr. T. N. Seshachalam.	2. „ A. Subba Rao.
3. „ C. Krishnaswami Rao.	3. „ G. N. Annaiya.
4. „ V. Loganatha Mudaliar.	4. „ Sultan Mohideen.
5. „ L. S. Subrahmanya Iyer.	5. „ A. V. Raghava Char.
6. „ T. Sivasankariah (not left India yet).	6. „ L. S. Subrahmanya Iyer.
	7. Miss Mary Chandy.

Scholarships were continued to the following scholars who failed in their examination and for the reasons noted against their names:—

1. MR. B. LAKSHMIAN RAO.—Failure was reported to be due to ill health.
2. SRI KANAKALAKSHAMMA.—Failure was reported to be due to ill health.
3. MR. T. N. SESHACHALAM.—When the scholarship was originally granted, it was understood that the qualification could not be obtained in less than 3 years, but the scholarship was sanctioned for 2 years in the first instance. The scholar passed the L. R. C. P. and M. R. C. S. Examinations within 9 months of his arrival in England, and extension for one year was considered necessary to enable the scholar to complete his course for the F. R. C. S., and was recommended by the Dean of the London Hospital Medical School and the High Commissioner for India.

APPENDIX 2.

Reference to Question 4.

A statement showing the Payments made from 1910-11 to 1920-21 on Photo-Zincographic Charges.

Official year	Budget provision	Month	Expenditure — Amount	Remarks
	Rs.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1910-11	..	May 1911 ..	23 1 0	1,675 9 0
		June 1911 ..	1,652 8 0	
1911-12	1,000	February 1912 ..	157 15 0	1,021 15 0
		June 1912 ..	864 0 0	
1912-13	500	June 1913 ..	538 6 0	538 6 0
1913-14	500	....	....	....
1914-15	500	May 1915 ..	263 15 0	263 15 0
1915-16	1,500	May 1916 ..	45 13 0	45 13 0
1916-17	500	May 1917 ..	108 8 0	108 8 0
1917-18	500	.....	....	....
1918-19	1,200	January 1919 ..	110 6 3	110 6 3
1919-20	500	September 1919 ..	41 10 0	89 1 0
		March 1920 ..	47 7 0	
1920-21	1,200	August 1920 ..	130 3 0	1,183 0 0
		May 1921 ..	1,052 13 0	
1921-22	200	....	....	....
1922-23	500	....	....	....

APPENDIX 3.

Reference to Question 6.

A statement showing the Receipt and Disposal of Applications under the Large Landed Estates Scheme up to the end of the half year ending 31st December 1922.

Serial No	District	Number of applications received	Number sanctioned	Number rejected	Number pending enquiry
1	Bangalore	41	4	19	18
2	Kolar	13	8*	..	5
3	Tumkur	69	5	57	7
4	Mysore	120	3	77	40
5	Hassan	82	..	80	2
6	Shimoga*	20	4	14	2
7	Kadur	17	2	15	..
8	Chitaldrug	17	4	12	1
	Total ..	379	22+8*	274	75

* Sanctioned or rejected not clear.

APPENDIX 4.

Reference to Question 11.

A statement showing the Number of Civil Appeals instituted, fees realised and the Printing and Typing Charges collected in the Chief Court of Mysore, from 1st July 1922 to the end of 31st December 1922.

No.	Nature of appeals	Number instituted	Institution fee realised	Printing charges paid or ordered to be paid	Typing charges paid or ordered to be paid
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	Regular appeals ..	200	4,670 0 0	2,576 6 0	421 2 0
2	Second appeals ..	62	950 0 0	998 12 0	58 10 0
	Total ..	262	5,620 0 0	3.575 2 0	479 12 0

APPENDIX 5.

Reference to Question 15.

A statement showing the Amounts sanctioned for the Construction of Hindustani School Buildings during the past 10 years.

	Number of works	Amount
A. Buildings undertaken by the Education Department—		Rs.
1913-14 to 1921-22 ..	23	44,460
1922-23	13	17,430 Some are in progress
Total ..	36	61,890
B. Buildings undertaken by the Public Works Department—		
1913-14 to 1922-23 ..	17	91,781 (sanctioned) 60,808 8 0 (utilized)

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